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Idaho Transportation Department now taking comments for all upcoming projects

LEWISTON- The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is asking for input on the just-released draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP). The 2023-2029 ITIP is a seven-year master plan of the state's transportation improvement projects. Everyone is encouraged to participate starting in July.

Projects can range from large-scale interstate improvements to smaller projects like the installation of a new quardrail. In all, the draft ITIP includes projects in all 44 counties and all modes of transportation. Projects were selected based on technical data, as well as input from local officials and residents.

A complete breakdown of the draft plan can be found at itd.idaho.gov/funding.

Projects newly funded in North Central Idaho with this update include:

- Resurfacing U.S. Highway 12 from Greer to Kamiah in 2024.
- Extending the northbound passing lane on U.S. Highway 95 over Crooks Hill north of Viola in 2029.
- Modifying curves and adding guardrail to US-95 from Rapid River to Riggins in 2029.

Construction originally planned for this summer on US-12 between Orofino and Greer has been combined with a 2023 project to repave State Highway 11 from the top of Greer Grade to Weippe. Both projects will be jointly advertised this fall, with some construction possible before winter.

Download a photo of SH-11.

Comments will be taken from July 1-31 and can be e-mailed to ITDcommunication@itd.idaho.gov or mailed to:

ITIP - Comments Attn: Office of Communication P.O. Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707

Paper copies of the ITIP will be provided upon request by contacting the Idaho Transportation Department (208) 334 -8119.

All comments will be reviewed, incorporated into the ITIP where appropriate, and responses will be sent in September once the comment period has ended.

After approval by the Idaho Transportation Board in September, the ITIP will then be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency in October.